मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) जी, हा।

(ख) से (घ) क्योंकि राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास ने इस पुस्तक मेले में भाग नहीं लिया, अतः मेले मे प्रदर्शित पुस्तकों के ब्यौरे ज्ञात नही है। तथापि, एक प्रकाशक अर्थात् मैसर्स यू बी एस पब्लिशर्स डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स लिमिटेड ने इस मेले मे भाग लिया और 145 पुस्तकें प्रदर्शित की। मानव ससाधन विकास मंत्रालय को दी गई एक रिपोर्ट मे मैसर्स यू बी एस पब्लिशर्स डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स लिमिटेड ने बताया है कि कला, सस्कृति समाज शास्त्र, अर्थ शास्त्र, कृषि और संबद्ध विज्ञानो से सबधित पुस्तकों को चीन को निर्यात करने की संभावनाए है। भविष्य मे बीजिंग पुस्तक मेलो मे भाग लेने के प्रस्तावो पर विचार करते समय इस सुझाव को ध्यान मे रखा जाएगा।

Publication of books in regional languages by National Book Trust

*240. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for publication of ten best books in regional languages mentioned in the eighth schedule of the Constitution by translating them into other regional languages;

(b) whether any target had been fixed by Government in this regard to publish such books during the last three years;

(c) if so, the number of publications brought out by National Book Trust, during the last three years in regional languages;

(d) whether the said target has been achieved by National Book Trust, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps are taken by Government to promote publications in regional languages?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. To promote inter-regional understanding, the National Book Trust is bringing out translation of the best books in Indian languages into various other Indian languages under a scheme known as 'Aadan Pradan'.

(b) While preparing their annual budget, the Trust fixes targets for publications under various series.

(c) Number of titles published in the past three years is 56 (this includes originals, reprints and translations) as per details given below:

Year	*No of titles*
1983-84	13
1984-85	11
1985-86	32
TOTAL	56

(d) No, Sir. The shortfall is reportedly due to the difficulty in getting dependable translators and printers in regional languages.

(e) Government also provide financial assistance to individuals and voluntary organisations for publication of defined categories of quality books in regional languages.

Rail lines damaged due to floods in Andhra Pradesh

1429. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the railway lines damaged due to recent floods in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what progress has so far been made with regard to the repairs of these railway lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Details of railway lines damaged due to floods in August—October 86, are as under: